

Poletown Historic District, Saint
Michael's Greek Catholic Church
(Saint Nicholas Greek Catholic Church)
(Temple of Faith Missionary Baptist Church)
2390 East Grand Boulevard
Detroit
Wayne County
Michigan

HABS No. MI-275-5

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Michigan		COUNTY Wayne	TOWN OR VICINITY Detroit
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Poletown Historic District, Saint Michael's Greek Catholic Church			HABS NO. MI-275-5
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Saint Nicholas Greek Catholic Church, Temple of Faith Missionary Baptist Church			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2390 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1924 (Burton Historical Collection)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Arthur Des. Rosiers (Arthur Des. Rosiers)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built for a predominantly Polish and Slavic congregation worshipping under Byzantine-Slavonic Rite. Became Saint Nicholas Greek Catholic Church in 1932 until ca. 1963. Architecturally represents traditional church forms and Art-Deco design motifs.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Beige brick-constructed; gable roof with steel vaulted ceilings			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Main block: 35'x100'; rear ell			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Combination of Byzantine and Art-Deco features; tri-partite arrangement of front facade capped by copper domes and bar crosses; texture achieved through use of recessed brick panels, brick buttresses and corbelled cornices; elongated round-head gothic windows feature Art-Deco stained glass design; round windows and arched entry.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Vaulted ceilings featuring artwork depicting biblical scenes.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Extensive interior redecoration, 1963			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant; good condition; to be demolished 1981			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) E.I.S. Central Industrial Park, City of Detroit, Community and Economic Development, 1980 Golden Jubilee, St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 1972 City Directories, Burton Historical Collection			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Michael J. Washo, William Kessler and Associates			DATE July 23, 1981



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POLETOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT, SAINT
MICHAEL'S GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
(Saint Nicholas Greek Catholic Church
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PRIEST'S
SACRISTY

CABINET

ALTAR

CABINET

ALTAR
SERVERS

CONFESSIONAL

CONFESSIONAL

CANDLE
STORAGE
AREA

100'

USHER
OFFICE

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

SHRINE

MOTHER of GOD STORAGE

CHURCH BUILT 1928
DEMOLISHED 1981
2390 E GRAND BLVD.
DETROIT MICH.
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